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	AM.	AM.	AM.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.29
Yanmat...Dep.	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.38
Shatin...Dep.	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.51
Taipei...Dep.	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.04
Taipei Market...Dep.	7.21	9.55	11.10	12.39	1.54	5.14	6.08
Shungshui...Dep.	7.33	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	5.27	6.21
Shungshui...Arr.	7.42	10.15	11.30	12.58	2.13	5.34	6.28

	AM.	AM.	AM.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shungshui...Dep.	7.21	9.05	10.38	11.30	3.00	4.17	5.13
Shungshui...Arr.	7.23	9.12	10.45	11.37	3.07	4.24	5.20
Fanning...Dep.	7.32	9.16	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.24
Taipei Market...Dep.	7.42	9.26	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.34
Taipei...Dep.	7.48	9.30	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.38
Shatin...Dep.	7.59	9.43	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.56	5.51
Yanmat...Dep.	8.12	9.55	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.08	6.03
Kowloon...Arr.	8.20	9.03	11.37	12.41	3.58	5.16	6.11

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

	AM.	AM.	AM.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	2.22	5.29	7.10
Yanmat...Dep.	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	2.31	5.38	7.19
Shatin...Dep.	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	2.40	5.51	7.31
Taipei...Dep.	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	2.50	6.05	7.44
Taipei Market...Dep.	7.21	9.55	11.10	12.39	3.00	6.15	7.58
Shungshui...Dep.	7.33	10.07	11.22	12.52	3.11	6.29	7.68
Shungshui...Arr.	7.42	10.15	11.30	12.58	3.21	6.39	7.80

	AM.	AM.	AM.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shungshui...Dep.	8.12	10.38	11.49	3.00	4.17	5.20	6.09
Shungshui...Arr.	8.19	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.27	6.16
Fanning...Dep.	8.23	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.31	6.20
Taipei Market...Dep.	8.33	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.41	6.30
Taipei...Dep.	8.37	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.45	6.34
Shatin...Dep.	8.51	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.56	5.59	6.48
Yanmat...Dep.	9.03	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.07	6.10	6.59
Kowloon...Arr.	9.11	11.37	12.41	3.58	5.15	6.18	7.07

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Shatin...Dep.	7.45	11.20	12.20	3.25	4.30	5.30	6.30
Shatin...Arr.	8.40	12.25	13.15	7.20	8.25	9.25	10.25

	AM.	AM.	AM.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shatin...Dep.	7.45	11.20	12.20	3.25	4.30	5.30	6.30
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WHAT IT MEANS.

Full reports of the American election are not yet available, but we have now sufficient material for the formation of a fairly accurate judgment of the results. There is nothing of moment to add in explanation of Mr. Coolidge's personal triumph, but it is clear that the Davis and La Follette polls afford material for further exposition.

First, as regards the popular vote. Mr. Coolidge's poll was somewhat overstated in the first returns. The revised figures will probably show that his majority over Davis was not equal to that of Harding over Cox in 1920, but that, even so, it was a million or so more than that of his two opponents combined.

MR. DAVIS'S FAILURE.

Mr. Davis's failure to make any serious impression outside the South is not difficult to explain. As nominee of the Democratic party he was a last choice. There was no party consistency in leadership to back him up. Mr. Coolidge's principal opponent should have been a decided Liberal, and certainly ought to have been free from Wall Street associations. Mr. Davis's close connection with the house of Morgan was a heavy handicap. His ambassadorship in England was a mark against him with the Irish and other racial groups. His advocacy of the League of Nations, whether good or not, was nullified by the party trick of remitting the question to a referendum in which no American could pretend to believe. He had denounced the Ku Klux Klan, and this meant that in States outside the South where the Klan was an issue, Davis was lost. In New York he was supported by Governor "Al" Smith, who, though triumphant in his own State, is a figure of challenge to the Klan. Mr. Davis also was under suspicion from the Drys. They feared that a Democratic Administration might be "wet." Moreover, Mr. Davis was linked with W. J. Bryan's brother Charles as candidate for the Vice-Presidency, and the Bryan family is fatal to the Democratic party.

THE PROGRESSIVE VOTE.

The La Follette vote is full of interest. It is said that the Progressives were expecting ten millions. That was obviously absurd. They have no reason to be greatly disappointed with their actual poll, which seems to be nearly five millions—that is, more than half the vote of the Democratic candidate who had funds and a strong national machine. The La Follette funds were trivial; there was and could be no national organisation. The La Follette forces were made up of scattered groups and individual voters devoted to the candidate and full of enthusiasm. All things considered, the most serious political fact of the campaign is the size of the Progressive vote in relation to that of the Democrats. It foreshadows a crisis in the Democratic party, a crisis which cannot be delayed if the Progressives take the results of last week as sufficient encouragement for the definite formation of a national Progressive party.

That decision, it may be assumed, will depend mainly upon two things: the attitude of organised labour and the attitude of agrarian Radicals, so called, in the West. La Follette must be disappointed by the Labour vote. Plainly enough, it went in masses to Mr. Coolidge. The farmers, no doubt, had been influenced by the artificial post-harvest conditions. But the second Coolidge term is to be marked by a continuance of the high-tariff regime. That inevitably means a clash between the industrial East and the agricultural West, and hence a stimulus to the Progressive cause.

THE KLAN'S VICTORIES.

The election in general was a rush to safety, and the Ku Klux Klan is a part of that rush. The Klan was less widely evident as a political force than the forecasts had implied, but the reason for that, undoubtedly, is that the strength of the Coolidge army blotted out the Klan display. Here, however, is the sinister fact. In Indiana, Kansas, Colorado, and Oklahoma, to name only the more conspicuous examples, the fight was between Klan and Anti-Klan, and the Klan was victorious. President Coolidge, declining to name the Klan for censure, became by force of circumstances the Klan candidate. His second term of office will contain no more momentous question for settlement than whether a conservative government in America is to involve the elimination or the establishment of this American form of Fascism—*Monarchist Guardian*.

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ADMIRAL'S WARNING.

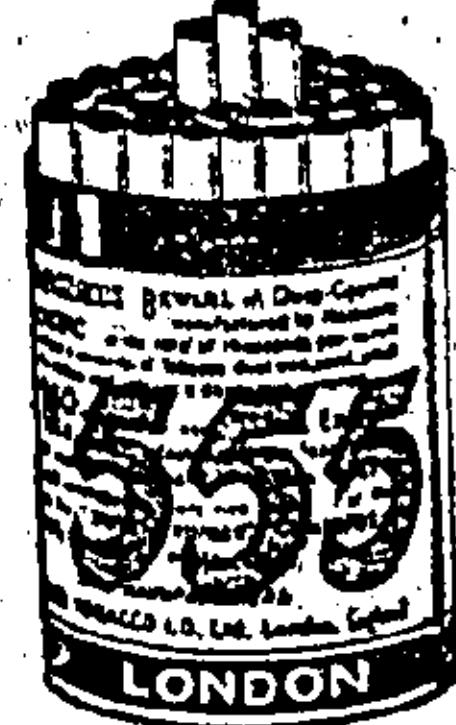
In an Armistice Sunday address at New York Admiral Bradley Fiske, U.S.N. (retired) warned Americans that the U.S.A. would fall an easy prey to the first virile nation that attacked it. He declared Russia, Germany, and Japan were enviously eyeing America's war-won wealth. Admiral Fiske depicted the United States as surrounded by intensely virile, ambitious, intelligent but poor nations, who would be quick to seize upon an "effeminated America smug in its plenty," and take what they desired by force. Japan, he said, thinks she has been unjustly treated and insulted by the United States, and would not be blamed if she tried to get from America "what we've obtained largely by means of war." Admiral Fiske pointed out the potentialities of the American immigration policy for irritating other nations, and predicted that in the next twenty-five years America would become more insistent and other nations equally opposed on the immigration question. While other nations were becoming stronger militarily, America was becoming effeminated, he said, and more and more addicted to luxury and pleasure. Religion combined with patriotism, the Admiral declared, can lead America out of the mire of luxury and ease towards a higher destiny for which Americans must fight or perish from the earth.



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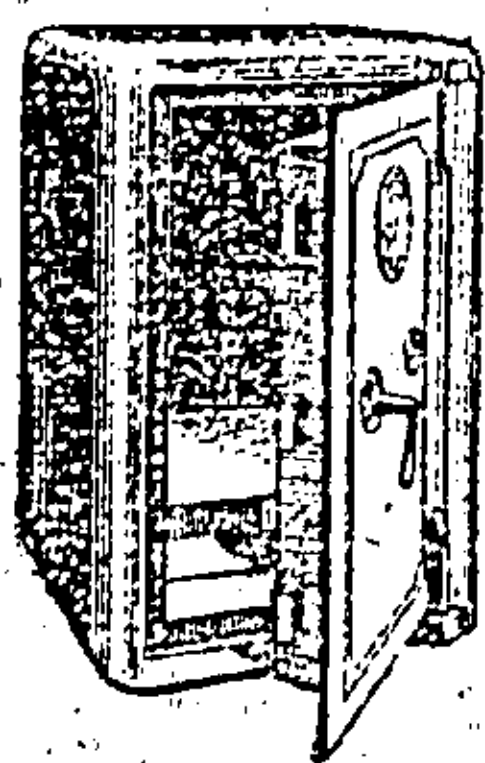
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WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

HONGKONG, Dec. 19th, 1924.

The local market has continued active, and business has been transacted on a fairly large scale, principally in Wharves, Tramways and Cements, for the most part at higher prices, but at the close the market is distinctly easier owing to the near approach of the December Settlement, and rates have generally weakened.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have been dealt in at \$1.175, at which rate they are in strong demand. The London price has appreciated to £14.

Marine and Fire Insurances.—Unions have experienced a further setback, the market falling to \$237, but closes with buyers at the rate. Hongkong Fires are required for at \$695 and China Fires at \$180. Cantons at \$730 and Yangtzes at \$425 are unchanged from last week.

Shipping.—A spasmodic demand for "Star" Tonnage raised the price to \$135, but the market closed weak with sellers at \$125. Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have changed hands at \$36. Union Waterboats are a turn higher at \$185. Tugs and Lighters have receded to \$1.60. Douglas Steamships are on offer at \$30. Deferred Indo-Chinas can be placed at \$120.

Refineries.—China Sugars have at last exhibited some symptoms of life, the price having advanced to \$95 and business done on this basis forward. Malabons at \$41 have not moved.

Oils and Mining.—"Shell" Transports are steady at 85/- Langkats (combined) continue in request at \$15. Benguet at \$2.80, Kailans at 70/- and Tronohs at 56/- are unaltered from last week.

Electric Companies.—Hongkong Tramways after being offered at \$51 came into strong demand and were booked up to \$55. China Lights (combined) were negotiated at \$23. Hongkong Electric has fetched \$42.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves have ruled firm and a considerable business has been done up to \$215 for cash and \$225 for March. Hongkong and Whampoa Docks eased somewhat during the week and sales have been made down to \$148. Hongkong Wharves have again stiffened and are saleable at \$186. Shanghai Docks are wanted at \$108, and New Engineering at \$15.70.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands were bought up to \$110, but the demand has since slackened and shares are offering at the close at \$108. Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels further strengthened and were sold up to \$105 for the old and \$115 for the new, but there are no further enquiries at these rates. There are buyers of Humphreys Estates at \$215, Prince's Buildings at \$150, and Realities at \$21.

Cotton Mills.—Ewo Mills have been done at \$12 and continue in request. Orientals have improved and could be placed at \$15. Shanghai Cottons have been dealt in at \$15.60 (old) and \$15.30 for the new.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements (combined) have again been the medium of a large turnover at gradually advancing rates up to \$27, but the market closed weak with forced sales at \$25 for the Settlement. China Providents (old) have been taken at \$18 and the new shares at \$21 to \$24. There are buyers of Dairy Farms at \$24, after transactions at this rate. Hongkong Ropes (combined) have appreciated to \$55. The old shares were put through at \$19 and the new at \$105. Peak Tramways (new) have changed hands at \$11. Other stocks in this section have ruled quiet.

Exchange.—The T.T. rate on London to-day is 2/4 and on Shanghai 73.

Forward Settlement Days.—December 23rd (Tuesday); January 20th (Tuesday); February 24th (Tuesday) and March 24th (Tuesday).

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COMPANY REPORT.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

The Directors' Report for term ending the 30th September, 1924, states:

The net profit, after providing for the depreciation of the fleet, insurance and ships' structural repair funds, amounts to Yen 2,226,986.29, including Yen 312,908.32 brought forward from the last account.

Adding thereto Yen 1,250,000, the amount transferred from the dividend equalization fund, we obtain a total surplus of Yen 3,476,986.29.

The Directors now propose that this surplus be appropriated as follows:

Legal reserve fund Yen 100,000
Directors' and auditors' fees 140,000
Dividend (10 per cent. per annum) 2,900,000

Yen 3,140,000
leaving a balance of Yen 336,986.29 to be carried forward to the next account.

THE RUBBER MARKET.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. are in receipt of telegraphic advice from Singapore that the price of Rubber is now 84c. per lb. They are also advised that the Alor Gajah Rubber Co. has declared an interim dividend of 5 per cent.

Nationalisation in industry is inconsistent both with the free interplay of trade at home and effective competition in the international sphere.—Mr. A. Chamberlain.



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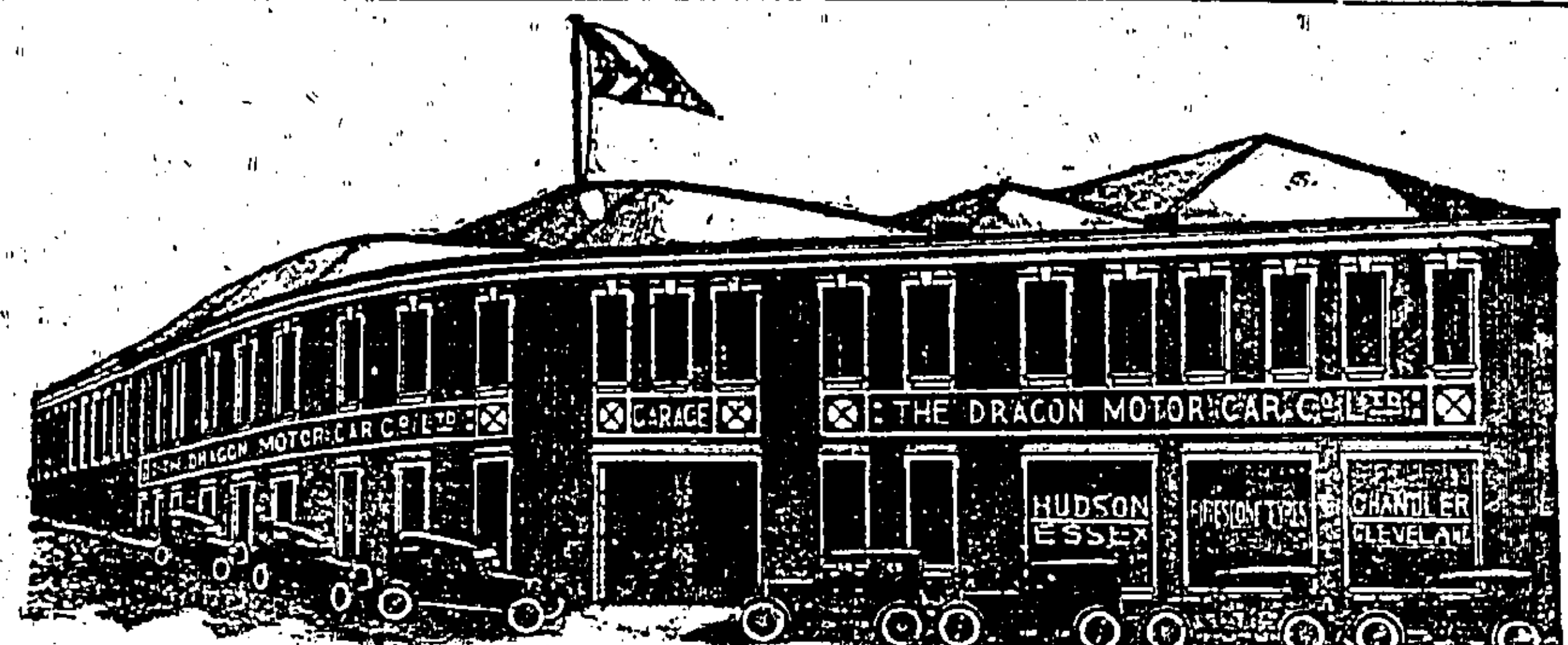
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CRICKET.

INTER-VARSITY RIVALRY IN HONGKONG.

OXONIANS v. GANTABS.

Some bright and towards the end—
exciting cricket was provided by the
match played yesterday on the Hongkong
Cricket Club's ground between teams
composed of local Oxonians and Gantabs.
The sides were composed as under:—

Oxonians.—J. E. Warner, A. E. Wood,
A. S. Hett, Rev. T. B. Powell, Dr.
Gawler, H. R. Phillips, R. E. O. Bird,
A. F. Hamilton, N. L. Smith, E. I.
Wyne-Jones, and R. H. L. Gompertz.

Gantabs.—Rev. E. K. Quick, Sir Claud
Severn, Lieut. Alexander, Lieut. Wau-
chope, W. G. Wallington, W. Nicholson,
T. D. Pendered, Lieut. Ollerhead, J. H.
B. Nibill, W. Galloway, and E. W.
Hamilton.

The Oxford innings were chiefly not-
able for a fine display of all-round
batting by A. E. Wood, who eventually
carried his bat for 73, having helped his
side to run up a total of 178 for 7
wickets.

The Cambridge side went in to bat
with a little over one-and-a-half hours in
which to score 177 to win, and they very
nearly succeeded, having reached all but
4 of the required total when time was
called.

Scores:—

Oxford.

J. E. Warner, c Galloway, b Sir	0
Claud Severn	73
A. E. Wood, not out	13
A. S. Hett, b Sir Claud Severn	13
Rev. T. B. Powell, c Nibill, b	2
Hamilton	0
Dr. Gawler, c Pendered, b Hamil-	0
ton	0
H. R. Phillips, b Sir Claud	34
Severn	38
R. E. O. Bird, b Nicholson	38
A. F. Hamilton, c Pendered, b	2
Hamilton	0
N. L. Smith, not out	0
Extras	11
Total (for 7 wickets)	178

E. I. Wyne-Jones and R. H. L.
Gompertz did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Severn	10	1	38	3
Hamilton	14	1	54	3
Quick	5	0	25	0
Wallington	4	0	22	0
Pendered	3	0	12	0
Nicholson	6	2	14	1

CAMBRIDGE.

Rev. E. K. Quick, c Gawler, b	77
Powell	7
Lieut. Alexander, b Gawler	50
Lieut. Wauchope, run out	50
W. G. Wallington, c Gawler, b	5
Bird	5
W. Nicholson, c Alexander, b Powell	5
T. D. Pendered, c Smith, b Powell	4
Lieut. Ollerhead, not out	2
J. H. B. Nibill, not out	0
Extras	23
Total (for 6 wickets)	173

W. Galloway, E. W. Hamilton,
and Sir Claud Severn did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bird	7	0	24	1
Powell	12	1	61	3
Gawler	4	0	15	1
Warner	1	0	12	0
Jones	2	0	20	0
Hett	2	0	20	0

K.C.C. "A" v. I.R.C. "A."

In this League match to-day at 2 p.m.
on the Kowloon ground the following
have been selected for the home eleven:—
B. Petheram, O. B. Raven, W. F. J.
Gorvin, L. A. R. Duncan, R. J. P.
Masters, C. Earnshaw, A. J. Kew, E. J.
Edwards, A. R. F. Raven, E. R. Renton,
E. J. Jordan.

CHINESE ART AND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

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MONTH.

The Office of the American Commercial
Attaché in Peking has received word from
Mr. Paul Y. Chang, President and Gen-
eral of the Chinese Art and Industrial
Exhibition, which plans to open on
January 1st in Seattle, that the neces-
sary space has been secured and arrange-
ments completed for financing the pro-
ject. Three well-known and important
exhibitions in China, namely, the
National Educational Exhibition, China
Arts Exhibition, and the Western China
Exhibition, have donated many of their
best exhibits for use on this occasion.
Considerable emphasis is being placed by
the management of this temporary ex-
hibition on the necessity of arranging for
a permanent exhibition of Chinese indus-
trial products to be kept open in Seattle.
A good deal of interest has been dis-
played in the project by the student body of
the University of Washington. A special
committee was appointed by them to
assist in raising money necessary to fi-
nance the exhibition. Over \$5,000 (silver)
is being contributed toward the expense
by Chinese merchants in Shanghai. The
exhibits are to consist of rugs, carpets,
silk, embroideries, and other well-known
products.

The Seattle Chamber of Commerce and
the Seattle Fine Arts Society have taken
an interest in the development of the
plan and many of the most prominent
members of these organizations have con-
sented to serve on committees and con-
tribute in other important ways toward
the success of the display.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL.

The following games in the Hongkong
League are down for decision to-day:—

Division I.

Kick-off, 4 p.m.

Hongkong Club v. Hongkong Police.
Hongkong F.C. ground. Referee:
Mr. F. Smith.

South China "A" v. East Surreys
Rugby-Sookunpoo ground. Referee:
Mr. H. Spencer.

Kowloon v. South China "B."—Kow-
loon F.C. ground. Referee: Mr.
Tovey.

Division II.

Kick-off, 2.30 p.m.

Kowloon Reserves v. Sacred Heart.
Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee:
Mr. Tovey.

East Surreys Reserves v. South China
"A."—Sookunpoo ground. Re-
feree: Mr. Smyth.

Club de Recreo "A" v. University.
Navy "A" ground. Referee: Mr.
Greer.

H.K. Club Reserves v. South China
"B."—Hongkong F.C. ground.
Referee: Mr. F. Smith.

St. Joseph's "B" v. East Surreys
Drums—South China ground. Re-
feree: Mr. Smith, R.A.

Club de Recreo "B" v. St. Joseph's
"A."—St. Joseph's ground. Re-
feree: Mr. Ford.

The football crowd will travel to-day
to Sookunpoo, where the East Surreys
first and second teams will oppose the
South China first and second teams re-
spectively. The junior games start at
2.30 p.m. and, as the Garrison will be
making one charge for the two games,
late-comers will be disappointed as the
seats will all be occupied soon after the
junior game starts. The juniors met in
the opening game of the season in
typhoon weather and the match had to
be abandoned early in the second half
owing to heavy rain. At the time the
South China team were leading by two
goals to one. The East Surreys Reserves
have improved very much since that date,
while South China "A" have shown a
falling off. However, the junior match
will be well contested and early visitors
will be rewarded. On present form, the
East Surreys Reserves should win.

The senior match will most probably
decide the league championship. To date,
South China have dropped one point
only, while the East Surreys are two
down. Whatever the result to-day, South
China will still remain at the head of
the League, for they have played one
game more than the East Surreys. The
game more than their chances and with
military fancy their chances and with
China still on the sick-list the South
China defence will be weakened.

The game on the Club ground between
the Club and Police should be very even
and a division of points is expected.

Should South China "B" cross the
water to oppose Kowloon they will re-
turn defeated. It is rumoured that the
players of the "B" team are all desirous
of witnessing the game at Sookunpoo
instead of playing Kowloon.

The Club de Recreo "A" should main-
tain their position in the League by a
win over the University.

Kowloon Reserves will find the Sacred
Heart an improved team but should just
manage to beat them.

The Club Reserves should win against
South China "B," and so should the
Drums against St. Joseph's "B." At
the opening of the season the Club de
Recreo "B" beat St. Joseph's "A" at
Kowloon but they are not expected to
repeat the result to-day.

On Monday at Kowloon the East
Surreys Regt. will play a Charity match
against Kowloon residents on the Kow-
loon F.C. ground, the "gate" being
set aside for St. Dunstan's Home for
Blinded Soldiers and Sailors. The game
will start at 4 p.m. The following have
been chosen to play for Kowloon re-
sidents:—Beach, Wheeler and Bishop;
Mair, McKelvie and A. Duncan; Clemm,
Howard, Lieut. Jones, Rocha and Brown.
Barring accidents to-day, the East
Surrey Regt. will field their full side.

The first game in the "Sunday
Herald" Charity Cup competition will
be played on Boxing Day, kick-off on
the Hongkong F.C. ground at 3.45 p.m.
The following have been chosen to play:

England.—Wavish (Tamar); Wynno
(Police) and Bishop (Club); Peter (East
Surreys); Wigginton (Dianede) and
Brown (Tamar); Charlesworth and
Edson (East Surreys); Jones (Club); Eddis
(Dianede) and Howard (Club).

Scotland.—Hodger (Club); Gerrard
(Club) and Hume (Petersfield); Mair and
Stewart (Club) and A. Duncan (Kow-
loon); G. Duncan (Club); Forsyth
(Club); McKelvie (Kowloon); McBride
(Kowloon), and Key (Club).

CINEMA NOTES.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Eugene O'Brien in "The Last Door,"
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Viola Dana's new Metro starring vehicle,
opened a three days' showing at the
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STATEMENT BY P.W.D. ENGINEER.

News of great interest to wireless enthusiasts was communicated by Mr. L. H. King, of the Public Works Department, who attended the annual meeting of the Hongkong Radio Society, which was held last night at the Volunteer Headquarters, under the chairmanship of Mr. C. D. Melbourne.

Addressing the members, Mr. King said that a year ago the Chairman of the Society was good enough to ask him to go and meet the members and tell them what the Government proposed to do. At that time he could have told them nothing, for he did not know anything himself.

The organisation that controlled wireless in a small Colony such as Hongkong was surrounded by difficulties in every way. There was the difficulty of the unsettled state of China, which made it a very responsible thing for the Government to hand out licenses indiscriminately, and although that was never asked for, they would realise that this would be a very difficult thing to control, and that a proper staff would be required.

He now had a staff, and it was possible to issue a limited number of licenses to amateurs for practice work. He did not know whether the Government had already informed them of that, but he had informed the Government. That letter would come to them, in the first place, pending the drafting of proper licenses, and they would be glad if the Association vouched for the people who were asking for licenses—that they were competent of proper transmission, and knew the regulations concerning it.

Provided these conditions were agreed to, and the people were approved, there would be no objection to a limited number of licenses being issued, and that would enable amateurs to take a little interest in things, inasmuch as they could transmit to one another. It was not a great deal, but it was something.

For the true amateur the real thing was the transmission of signals, and the reception of long distance signals. The Radio Society did not stand much in the way of broadcasting. Any boy could do that for half a crown. There was no science in it, and no interest when one got used to it. As regards this in Hongkong the Government proposed to erect a Radiophone Station, which would be used for sending out typhoon warnings, bank raids and police warnings, and any special items of public interest. The Station would also be used for telephony work to a certain extent, but the station would not truly be a broadcasting station. But it would be quite suitable for broadcasting music. Negotiations would take place as to the provision of suitable programmes of music and that sort of thing. There had from the first been objection to broadcasting. The two companies which started here were not granted licenses, because there was not considered to be the necessary control, but with the Station being controlled by the Government things were different. The Government would maintain the necessary technical engineers.

Then there was the question of the charge for licenses. This had to be low, so as to make wireless popular and available for everyone.

He thought the system a good one, and said that the scheme would come into operation about August, next year.

The following officials of the Radio Society were elected: President, Mr. C. D. Melbourne; Vice-President, Mr. Chesterton; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. W. Orchard; with the following Committee: Messrs. A. L. Terry, A. Ribeiro, E. R. Dovey, G. F. Taylor, and Rozario.

TIMBER YARD ABLAZE.

KOWLOON FIRE BRIGADE'S GOOD WORK.

A fire, the origin of which is at present unknown, broke out shortly after 7 p.m. yesterday at a timber yard on the praya at Shum Shui Po, at the corner of Hai Tan Street. The timber was stacked over an area of 600 yards by 400 yards, but only a section of 100 yards by 60 yards was affected.

The Kowloon Fire Brigade and No. 2 Fire Flot were called, and extinguished the blaze just before 9 p.m. No lives were lost.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

THE TEA CHEST MURDER CASE. PRISONER'S STORY OF THE CRIME.

The "Tea Chest Murder case" came to a close yesterday at the Criminal Sessions, when So Kan, alias So Man On, a shop foki was found guilty of the murder of his master Wong Pui, at the Tung Fong Teashop at No. 145, Connaught Road Central on September 23rd.

Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg (Assistant Crown Solicitor) prosecuted, and the prisoner was represented by Mr. H. S. Fitzroy.

The prisoner went into the box to give evidence. He said that So Shing came to visit him on the day in question at the shop between eleven o'clock and noon, and asked him whether any merchants had returned from Mexico. He gave him the name of one merchant, and So Shing left the place, but returned about eight o'clock in the evening, and asked whether it was true that the merchants did not come back with any money. He said he did not know. So Shing then turned to him and asked him how the money was drawn. He said he did not know what he meant. So Shing left the kitchen and returned and told prisoner that the old man, Wong Pui, was asleep. He went out again, and on his return he had an axe in his hand, and asked him if he thought it would kill anyone. He replied that it would, whereupon Shing went out yet another time and returned with a chopper. Shing went to the front of the shop and when he returned with the chopper in his hand, he said "I have killed the old man." He (prisoner) then went to look at the body, which he found in the accountant's room. When he asked So Shing what was the reason for killing him, the latter did not reply.

Prisoner added that it was So Shing who opened the safe, and he (prisoner) got none of the proceeds of the robbery. When the cook returned he asked where Wong Pui was, and he replied that the old man had gone out. Next morning he met So Shing who said they ought to draw the money from the bank. He accompanied Shing to the Bank of Canton and the Oriental Commercial Bank. Shing handed him \$1,000 which he got from the Bank of Canton, saying that he had to place he could put it. They went to the house of a woman associate of his and this sum of money was handed over to her.

On several occasions So Shing tried to persuade him to go away to Macao, and eventually he agreed to go to Canton. On the Canton boat he was arrested.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hazlerigg, prisoner admitted standing by and watching while the body was being thrust into the box, and said he did not raise the alarm because So Shing threatened him with a dagger. It was because of threats that he told different people that his master had gone out, though he knew that Wong Pui's body was hidden in the tea chest.

Addressing the Jury, Mr. Hazlerigg said that prisoner had accused So Shing of the murder. It seemed to him that Shing had given his evidence in a very straightforward way—evidence which had been supported. He submitted that Shing had been wrongfully accused, and asked them to bring in a verdict of "guilty" against the prisoner.

Mr. Fitzroy said there was no doubt but that the crime was committed on the 23rd, and it had been a very brutal murder. There was no doubt but that prisoner had been an accessory after the fact, but he asked the Jury to acquit him on the charge of murder.

The Jury retired at 1.15, and returned at 1.25. A verdict of "guilty" was brought in.

His Lordship, in passing sentence of death, said that the evidence against the prisoner was very clear, and he thought the Jury could not reasonably come to any other decision.

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

ART EXHIBITION AND CARNIVAL AT THE V.R.C.

Yesterday afternoon a highly enjoyable *dansant* was held at the Victoria Recreation Club, when a large gathering of local devotees of Terpsichore took the floor.

It was held in aid of the Hongkong Benevolent Society and in connection with the exhibition of pictures by the two Japanese artists, Messrs. Kobayakawa and Kojyo, whose work was described in our columns yesterday. Five pictures presented by them to the Club were raffled last night in aid of the Benevolent Society. Hard work was done in the matter of selling tickets for the raffle by Mrs. Jenner and the Misses Daisy Witherell, Nancy McEwen, Doris Hunt, Phyllis Hunt, and Maud Witherell. Mr. L. Kimura was also energetic in this direction.

At night the Club put on its most festive appearance on the occasion of a Fancy Dress Carnival, for which the music was provided by the orchestra of the *s.s. President Pierce*, under the baton of Mr. S. E. Villanueva. Many striking and original costumes were seen, and the revels continued to a late hour.

D.C.M. CHARGED.

COURT MARTIAL ON SERGEANT AT MURRAY BARRACKS.

Before a District Court Martial held at Murray Barracks yesterday, Sergeant George Henry Coomber, D.C.M., of the 1st Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment, was charged with drunkenness at Lowu Camp at about 11 p.m. on November 27th.

The Court was composed of: Major W. P. A. Hattersley-Smith, D.S.O., R.A.; Capt. R. A. F. Montano, M.C., 1st East Surrey Regiment, and Lieut. Lewis, R.A. Lieut. P. H. Drake Brockman, M.C., prosecuted, and Capt. W. G. Kent acted as prisoner's friend.

C.Q.M.S. Woodman gave evidence, that on closing the Sergeants' Mess at 11 p.m. on November 27th he saw the accused lying asleep on a form. He shook him, and told him to leave the Mess. The accused refused, and walked over to the caterer's bed and announced his intention of sleeping on it for the night. In witness' opinion, the accused was drunk. Witness ordered him to be placed under close arrest.

C.Q.M.S. A. Stripp corroborated, and in answer to Capt. Kent, cross-examining, stated that he was sure that the accused was drunk, because he staggered in his walk across the marquee to the caterer's bed.

Sergeant Woodward, who was commander of the camp quarter guard on the night in question, gave evidence of arresting the accused in the Sergeants' Mess and taking him to the Guard Tent. Sergeant Coomber was in a dazed condition, and staggered on his way to the Guard Tent, so that witness was convinced that he was drunk. Cross-examined by Capt. Kent on accused's behalf, the witness stated that Sergeant Coomber walked to the Guard Tent without assistance. Witness had no recollection that the accused was carrying anything at the time. The charges on which the accused was placed under close arrest were being drunk and refusing to leave the Sergeants' Mess.

The prosecution having closed, the accused gave evidence on his own behalf. He said he was Detachment, Orderly Sergeant on November 27th. The Sergeants' Mess opened at 6 p.m. On the same evening, there was a smoking concert in the camp, and he made up his mind to attend it. He went there at about 8.30 and sat down in the rear of the seats next Lieut. Corpl. Hoblyn, remaining until about 9 p.m. He then went to C. Coy's sergeants' tent, and stayed there for some time. He went into the Company office which was next door, and spoke to C.Q.M.S. Stripp. This would be at about 9.30 p.m. He then went to the Sergeants' Mess to enquire if C.Q.M.S. Woodman was coming on Staff Parade. This would be at about 9.40. He saw C.Q.M.S. Woodman in the Mess, and had one glass of beer. He questioned C.Q.M.S. Woodman about Staff Parade, and they both left the Mess together. At Staff Parade at 10 p.m. the witness was inspected and found correct. "Lights Out" sounded at 10.15, and witness shouted "Lights out," at the dry canteen, and then proceeded to see that lights were extinguished all round the camp.

At about 10.25 he reported all correct to the Orderly Officer. He then went to C. Coy. Sergeants' tent and took the hurricane lamp, with which he proceeded to the Sergeants' Mess. There he saw C.Q.M.S. Woodman and C.Q.M.S. Stripp, who asked him to join in a game of cards. This would be about 10.40. Witness played two games, during which he had two small glasses of beer. He then "came over dizzy" and sat down on a form. Next he heard the Orderly Officer turning out the guard. Thinking it was before 11 p.m., witness remarked to the Company in general that the Orderly Officer was turning out the guard before eleven o'clock. Next morning while under close arrest, he learned from the guard report that the time had actually been 11.10 p.m.

Continuing, witness stated that he ascribed his dizziness to the combined effect of the two glasses of beer and standing over a charcoal fire. He remembered no more until being awakened by Sergeant Woodward, when he took up his hurricane lamp and went, under close arrest, with Sergeant Woodward to the guard tent. There he was told three times by the commander of the guard that he might go to his own tent, but he refused, as he was under close arrest. On November 29th he was let out on open arrest, and carried on his duties until the 13th of the present month. On that night he was sent for by Major Campbell, who had a conversation with C.Q.M.S. Woodman. The latter subsequently informed witness that he was again under close arrest.

Witness added that he was Detachment Orderly Sergeant for three consecutive days prior to the day of his original arrest (four days in all), and he thought that the late hours of duty involved made him tired and weary.

The Court found the accused Guilty. Sentence will be promulgated in due course.

SHIP TO BE LAUNCHED TO-DAY.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO.'S S.S. "NINGHAI."

The latest addition to the fleet of The China Navigation Co., Ltd., will be launched at 4.30 this afternoon from the shipbuilding yard of The Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Co. of Hongkong, Ltd.

The vessel, which is named *Ninghai*, is intended for the coasting trade, and is a finely modelled steel-screw steamer of about 2,000 tons gross measurement. The principal dimensions are:—Length 305 feet over-all, breadth 44 feet, depth 21 feet 9 inches to upper deck, and is built on the deep framing principle, to scantlings approved by the British Corporation. The vessel has a top gallant fore-castle for the crew, and accommodation in bridge for petty officers and Chinese passengers. There are large steel deck-houses on bridge deck containing saloon, and rooms for officers, engineers, stateroom, etc. The Captain's cabin, chart room, and wireless house are arranged on boat deck. Aft, on upper deck, is a steel house containing the steam steering gear which is of the "Wilson and Pirrie" type placed directly over the rudder and is controlled by telemotor gear from standard on bridge. The main and upper decks are of steel, the fore-castle and bridge being teak sheathed. A double bottom for water-ballast has been arranged from fore peak bulkhead to aft peak bulkhead; peak tanks being also used as trimming tanks. The vessel has four large cargo hatches ranging from 33 feet long, and has twelve derricks capable of dealing with weights up to 40 tons, with twelve powerful steam winches, also a strong warping stam windlass on fore-castle deck. The vessel is electrically lighted throughout.

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The naming ceremony is to be performed by Mrs. A. H. Barlow.

HOCKEY NOTES.

[BY "SHORT CORNER."]

H.M.S. *Hawkins* is able to put a strong side in the field, but although they scored first in their game, with the H.K.H.C. on Wednesday it ended in a victory for the Club. The latter were in good form and the forwards were especially so. Sim's goal from a corner shot was as pretty an example of how to shoot from a corner when the shot has been stopped for one, by a colleague as could be asked for. Evans scored very neatly with reversed stick after beating the last line of defence, and upon another occasion only a magnificent save from their goal-keeper, who somehow managed to get in the way of an extremely hard shot from this same forward, preserved the Naval side from heavier defeat.

The Club was playing Owen Hughes at right back, and if he seemed, as was natural, a little unaccustomed to this position his stickwork in the open and his speed in recovery when beaten showed that the experiment was a sound one. Beecher played a particularly sound game at left back, his clearing, hitherto, perhaps, his weakest point, showing every sign of reaching the level of his general play. Mitchell and Ralph were hard workers, from beginning to end. The former's style has justified itself so often by now that it is only necessary to say that if it were prettier it might be less effective. Ralph, in excess of zeal and speed, has somewhat of a tendency to "barge," and as his usefulness as a half is beyond doubt this is a defect he ought to be able to remedy without difficulty.

It is difficult to be fast and energetic above the average without occasionally charging other players, but a referee would be quite justified in penalising a man for obstruction if he considered that the man's method of attack or defence were of such a nature that it might be expected to result in bodily contact, more or less violent, as often as not. The rules governing obstruction, as the rule regarding lifting of the stick, are framed to discourage styles of play just as much as to provide penalties for technical breaches in a game. Such breaches as charging and accidental kicking are nearly always due to lack of control over one's speed, and players who find that their style of play is leading them too frequently into these offences ought to make every endeavour to remedy the fault at its source.

The final result of the game on Wednesday was four goals to one for the Club, and though their goalkeeper had no actual shots to save he was called upon to kick once or twice and the opposing forwards had their fair share of the game.

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About forty years ago Sir OLIVER LODGE and his assistants attempted to dispel fog, at Liverpool, by means of electrical discharges. There were many technical difficulties, chiefly connected with the use of the very high electrical pressures which were known to be essential for success. Dr. F. G. CORRELL applied himself to the same general problem, but had in view the precipitation of metal and acid fumes, blast furnace dust, and dust generally. There are now about 200 plants in use all over the world where the process works successfully. Very high electrical pressures have been used, and there seems to be no reason why, with patience and perseverance, higher pressures should not be fairly common. We have had brought to our notice some very successful work done recently at Woolwich Arsenal by a former Hongkong resident, Professor A. G. WARREN, one of the pioneer members of the staff of the local University. From 1920 onwards he has been making researches connected with high-pressure electricity. The problem attacked was this: "It was known that metals, especially castings, had flaws, but it was then impossible to detect the flaw without spoiling the material. Why not take an X-ray photograph? It was all a matter of electrical pressure. Apparently, Mr. WARREN has been remarkably successful, for it is now possible to take an X-ray photograph which will reveal a flaw three inches deep. In the matter of shells alone, during the war, such a process would have saved many accidents and a great deal of money. We do not pretend to understand the technical difficulties of increasing the pressures required to precipitate fog. We do, however, accept the statement of Sir Oliver Lodge that it will be done in time. His closing words on the subject are of considerable interest for he reminded us that it was not the 'fashion, nowadays, to leave Nature alone. Attempts are made to encourage and supplement her. We still supplicated the Higher Powers for the production or limitation of rain instead of setting to work and seeing what we could do ourselves." He reminded us that the greater part of the world suffers from drought. "Clouds appeared even in deserts, but dispersed again without precipitation. Why not electrify them?" It is true that pioneers must be prepared to put up with ridicule. They will no longer be discouraged by suggestions that their work reveals a tendency towards blasphemy. For all new knowledge benefits humanity, and any one who helps, in however small a way to reclaim the desert is benefiting his fellows. If we live to see rain produced by precipitation in Hongkong we shall have one worry the less, for we shall have no more anxiety about the level water supply. China should be not the least grateful among the countries of the world if Sir Oliver Lodge and his assistants are able to demonstrate that there need be no more droughts.

It is announced that no Gymkhana will take place on the racecourse at Happy Valley at the New Year.

There was a very successful carnival at the Peak Hotel last night. There were about 250 present, mostly in fancy dress.

A Chinese was set upon by seven men at about 7.15 p.m. yesterday at the junction of Pokfulam Road and Jubilee Road, and robbed of \$22.

Prior to the departure for Home of the Hon. Mr. A. E. Wood, a dinner was held in his honour at the Yee Woo Restaurant, West Point, by a number of his Chinese friends last night.

The East Surrey Regiment and the units of the Royal Marine Light Infantry now in port, went on a combined route march through the City yesterday morning, accompanied by their naval and military bands.

Mr. Q. Ward, of the Peak Signal Station, has reported to the Police the theft of a telescope, valued at \$40, which is said to have been stolen at about 11 a.m., on Thursday from a flower pot where it was lying, at the flag station.

A number of coolies were at work on the hillside at Stubbs' Road on Thursday, when a boulder dislodged by the earth around it being removed fell on to the men, one of whom was killed, while the others received injuries, one being seriously hurt.

A small fire broke out about 11.45 on Thursday night at No. 203, Queen's Road, occupied by An Yu Ting, a dried meat merchant. The Hongkong Brigade were summoned, but the inmates had extinguished the flames with buckets of water before the brigade arrived, though they were quickly on the scene.

In the small hours of Thursday morning a motor-car which took the corner at the junction of Queen's Road West and the Kennedy Town Praya, shot over the Praya into the Harbour. The driver managed to jump clear, and the car turned a complete somersault and sank. A Mr. Chan Wo Hing is said to be the owner of the car.

A Children's Party, the second of its kind, was held at the Helena May Institute yesterday afternoon, and was well attended. The children were entertained to tea, and afterwards there were games and dancing. The hall had been tastefully decorated with balloons and other adornments which lent a Christmas touch to the happy gathering.

The Straits Settlements Volunteer Force is losing its Commandant, Lieut. Col. F. E. Spencer, next month. Col. Spencer completes his term of service with the Volunteers and goes home on January 15th. He will be succeeded by Major P. J. M. Postlethwaite, of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, the first battalion of which regiment was stationed at Singapore at the outbreak of war in 1914, leaving immediately for the front.

It is reported that the police searched all day on Thursday to discover the whereabouts of a European lady, who had disappeared under "alarming circumstances." It appears that she engaged a car from the Eagle Motor Garage, No. 27, Canton Road, Kowloon, about eight o'clock on Wednesday evening and proceeded to Sheungshui Police Station where she asked the driver to wait for her. After several hours the driver informed the police of the disappearance of his fare. Now the lady has visited the garage to tell them she came down by train from Sheungshui.

A WARNING TO PEAK RESIDENTS.

POLICE ACTION COMMENDED.

Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, Hon. Secretary of the Peak Club, has addressed the following letter to the Captain Superintendent of Police, Hongkong, under date December 11th:—

Dear Sir,—The following letter has been addressed to me as Hon. Secretary of the Peak Residents' Association by Mr. G. Sewell, 431, The Peak, Hongkong, dated the 9th instant:—

"Yesterday afternoon at about 3.15 a telephone message was received at my residence, 431, The Peak, asking that my grey suit of clothes should be sent down to the Hongkong Club. This was done and the basket containing such suit was handed by the house coolie to a Chinese who was standing in the porchway of the Hongkong Club. The latter mentioned my firm's name, and said he would take the clothes to me. They were, however, taken by him to a pawn-shop where they were found by the Police to-day. The staff in my residence have been instructed in future not to send any clothes down unless the owner personally telephones for them.

"The foregoing facts are brought to your notice in the hope that it may assist in preventing other Peak residents from being similarly victimized.

"You may possibly be aware that there was a burglary at the above address about two months ago and that the Peak Police were successful not only in tracing the theft but in recovering some of the stolen property. In the present instance they recovered the property within four hours of its loss being reported. I feel sure that you will agree with me that in both cases the action of the Police is worthy of the highest commendation."

Whilst strongly endorsing the remarks made by Mr. Sewell in the concluding paragraph of his letter, my Committee hopes that you will convey to Inspector Marks and all concerned their appreciation of the able and efficient manner in which both of the cases referred to by Mr. Sewell have been handled.—Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) E. B. C. HORNELL, (Hon. Secretary).

POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

(THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.)

DIPLOMATS' NOTE.

CHINESE CABINET'S SPECIAL SITTING.

PEKING, December 19th.

During a discussion on China's reply to the Diplomats' recent note, the Cabinet yesterday resolved that it will express its appreciation of the recognition accorded to the new Government, and give assurances regarding the observance of treaties and other international engagements. A reply is now being drafted and will probably be forwarded on Monday.

TROOPS ON THE MOVE.

PEKING, December 19th.

The Mukden office of the Peking-Mukden Railway have been ordered to have two hundred cars ready to transport Fengtien troops southward, probably in connection with the Nanking situation.

CANTON NEWS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

THE TAX ON CIGARETTES.

Canton cigarette stands, greatly harassed by revenue stamp inspectors, who are fining sellers and buyers \$50 each for handling unstamped cigarette packages, are being asked for a contribution of \$10,000 in lieu of further persecution and \$8,000 a month for the privilege of appointing inspectors to urge tobacco dealers to comply with the stamp law. The Kuomintang Bolsheviks are enforcing the stamp law on the poor and helpless small dealers, while the manufacturers—the British-American Tobacco Company, the Nanyang Brothers, and others—are unwilling to assist the retailers to escape the Kuomintang taxes. A few days ago, the members of the Workers Conference of the Kuomintang seized 198 cases of cigarettes when they were being landed in Canton pending payment of stamp duty. The Company, however, has protested that the cigarettes are not subject to the stamp duty until they are sold in retail. It is understood the Kuomintang leaders will confiscate the goods for the value they command, according to the *Tsun Hui Po*.

MR. SUN FO.

Not a few Chinese newspapers publish a report that Tuan Chi Jui, Chief Executive of the Peking Government, will appoint Mr. Sun Fo, the multi-millionaire son of Dr. Sun Yat Sen and former Canton Major, as Civil Governor of Kwangtung, in return of the willingness of Dr. Sun to abolish the General Headquarters of the Red Army in Canton.

THE BANNERMEN TO BE EVITED.

The Kuomintang Bolsheviks in Canton have decided to evict the Bannermen, former Manchurians who have settled down in Canton since the Ching Dynasty, from their houses and lands. When the Manchus first reached Canton, they were given public lands by the Imperial Family for their services, and they have remained in the enjoyment of this privilege to this day.

THE WUCHOW RELIEF FUND.

The Committee which is raising fund for the relief of distress occasioned by the great fire at Wuchow on December 1st has recently received many large donations from friends at Canton and Hongkong. From Hongkong, the donations include \$40,000 from the Tung Wah Hospital and 5,280 heavy cotton coats and 70 cotton covers from Mr. Chan Sui Ki. In the fire, it may be recalled, 1,180 houses and 540 shops and offices were destroyed, rendering more than 70,000 persons homeless for a time, and a number of them required relief. The Cantonese troops stationed at Wuchow have contributed \$10,000 to the relief from the army funds.

THE RICE EXPORT QUESTION.

The Chinese Maritime Customs in Canton is refusing to recognize the order of the Red Army Headquarters raising the embargo on the export of rice from Canton, unless confirmation is forthcoming from the Inspector-General of Customs at Peking. The firm of On Kee, exporters, applied to the Customs authorities for an export permit and was refused. The firm intends to ship 3,000 piculs of fine grade rice. The Red Army some weeks ago decided to grant a license to a syndicate to export rice against the payment of a large sum as an "official gift" or black money, being ignorant of possible conflict with customs regulations.

ADDING INSULT TO INJURY.

Canton merchants whose property was destroyed by fire on the occasion of the Red massacre of merchants on October 15th last may now rebuild upon payment to the Department of Public Works of \$10 for each cheng of land they formerly owned.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]
SMYRNA FIRE TEST CASE.
IMPORTANT JUDGMENT.

London, December 18th.
After a hearing lasting twelve days, Mr. Justice Rowlett in the Commercial Court gave judgment for the defendant insurance companies in the Smyrna fire case, mentioned in a cable dated December 1st, thereby holding that the fire was an act of war, and excluded from insurance policies. The decision will be a big blow to many British traders ruined by the fire, for the action has been treated as a test case for claims amounting to nearly £20,000,000 under insurance policies with British and other companies.

STORY OF THE ACTION.

[The earlier cable alluded to read:]
London, December 1st.
An important test case arising from the great fire at Smyrna in September 1922, and involving a vast sum of money, was begun in the Commercial Court, London, to-day.
The plaintiffs, an American tobacco company, claimed to recover insurance on property destroyed by fire from the Guardian Fire Assurance Company.
The liability of a number of insurance companies to pay insurance on other destroyed property will depend on the judgment.
The plaintiffs counsel said that the issue was whether the fire was accidental or came within the exceptions of fire policies, upon which the action was brought. His case was that the fire was accidental.]

GERMAN GOVERNMENT.
CABINET DIFFICULTY.

Berlin, December 19th.
Owing to the impossibility of forming a Government commanding a certain majority, Cabinet-making efforts have been abandoned until the approach of the opening of the Reichstag on January 1st. In the meantime the Marx-Strasburger Cabinet carries on. Probably the Marx Government will confront the Reichstag and take a chance of being defeated.

EAST AND WEST.

CANADA AND ORIENTAL.
IMMIGRATION.

Victoria, December 19th.
The British Columbia Legislative Assembly has unanimously passed a resolution introduced by Minister Sloan asking the Federal Government to take steps to ensure the abrogation of all International Treaties preventing Canada from exercising an unhampered control of Oriental Immigration. Mr. Sloan insisted that Canada must be kept for Canadians and declared that Orientals and Whites would not mix.

SPAIN AND MOROCCO.
FRANCE NOT ANXIOUS.

Paris, December 19th.
Le Matin states that the reports received by the Government from Marshal Lyautey by no means indicate that events in Spanish Morocco might have consequences in the French area. The tribesmen are quiet and the influence that Abd El Krim might have on them must not be over-estimated. Abd El Krim seems more concerned about organizing his conquests than about making further for himself. Marshal Lyautey, while taking the necessary precautionary measures, is hardly anxious. (Havas.)

EARLIER CABLES.

THE OPIUM CONFERENCE.
INDIAN PROPOSED RESERVATION.

Geneva, December 18th.
At the final sitting of the opium sub-committee to-day, the Indian delegation submitted a statement for endorsement in the report to the effect that if it is intended later to modify the conclusions of the sub-committee and recommend to the Conference the insertion of the American proposals not modified in the convention, then the Indian delegation requires the insertion of an additional paragraph in order to secure the administrative constitutional position in India.
The wording of the addition will be somewhat as follows: "The right is expressly reserved by the Government and Provincial Governments of India to control, as heretofore, the production and distribution of raw opium within their territories in accordance with the provisions of the Hague Convention, provided always that no surplus be available for export, save under the conditions expressly provided by the present arrangement."

LATEST CABLES.
FIRST TEST MATCH.
AUSTRALIA OPEN WELL.

Sydney, December 18th.
The first Test Match began in glorious weather before 34,000 spectators. The wicket was perfect. Australia won the toss and batted first. Score:

AUSTRALIA.	ENGLAND.
Bardsley, c Woolley, b Freeman.....21	Collins, c Hendren, b Tate.....114
Ponsford, b Gilligan.....110	Arthur Richardson, not out.....21
Taylor, not out.....13	Extras.....15
Total (for 3 wickets).....282	

The innings opened in cautious style and runs came slowly. Bardsley's dismissal came with the score at 46 for 1 wicket. He had batted in splendid fashion for 51 minutes. The first hour's play produced 55 runs, and the score when lunch was taken was 72 for 1 wicket.

Collins and Ponsford batted steadily and with confidence, though Collins, when he had scored 42, was badly missed by Hendren. The second-wicket partnership (180) is a record for England-Australia matches.

When Collins left, the score stood at 233 for 2 wickets. The outgoing batsman had batted in the most careful fashion for 215 minutes and hit 9 fours. He received an ovation.

When Ponsford was dismissed the board showed 275 for 3 wickets. He had shown sound all-round cricket for 225 minutes and registered 3 fours. He has added his name to the distinguished list of those who have scored a century in their first Test Match.

The ground-keeping was good. Chapman and Gilligan being outstanding. Catching was at times faulty. Tate was the best of the bowlers.

EARLIER CABLES.
CRICKET TOUR.
TRANSVAAL BEATEN.

JOHANNESBURG, December 18th.
Mr. Solly Joel's eleven beat the Transvaal team by eight wickets.
The Transvaal team comprised 109, Kennedy taking 6 for 38 and Parker 4 for 33. Mr. Joel's side scored 349. Ernest Tydesley contributing 147.
The Transvaal replied with 354, Deane contributing 118. Going in again, Mr. Joel's eleven compiled 117 for 2.

HOME FOOTBALL.
CUP REPLAYS.

LONDON, December 18th.
The Association Cup replays resulted as under:-
Charlton lost to Queen's Park Rangers, one goal to 2.
Barrow drew with Gillingham, one all, after extra time.

RUBBER RESTRICTION.
PLEA FOR RECONSIDERATION.

LONDON, December 18th.
In the House of Commons, replying to a question by Mr. Owen as to whether he was aware that the British Chinese Chambers of Commerce and the European Chamber of Penang and Singapore had approached the Governor of the Straits Settlement regarding the need for an immediate review of the rubber restriction position, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Amery, expressed ignorance of this, but promised to ask the Governor for information and consider what action might be necessary.

OCCUPATION OF GERMANY.
PREPARING FOR EVACUATION.

LONDON, December 18th.
Questioned in the House of Lords regarding the evacuation of Cologne, Marquess Curzon pointed out that it was an Allied issue, not concerning Britain alone. The Allies must be satisfied that Germany was carrying out the military conditions of the treaty.
When the report of the Allied Military Commission of Control, which the persistent obstruction of Germany had delayed, was received, the Allies would discuss whether the first stage of evacuation could be carried out. His Majesty's Government had not the slightest desire to continue the occupation.

BRITISH BEET SUGAR.
THE SUBSIDY APPROVED.

LONDON, December 18th.
The House of Commons by 233 to 22 has adopted a money resolution to give effect to the late Government's proposals as regards subsidising the beet sugar grown in Britain for the next ten years on a diminishing scale, and to reimpose the excise duty removed in 1922.
Factories benefiting must pay the growers a minimum price, and probably seventy-five per cent. of their machinery will have to be British-made.
It is estimated that the net cost of the subsidy will be a quarter of a million sterling in the first year.

HOLLAND'S INCREASED
IMPORT DUTIES.

THE HAGUE, December 18th.
The First Chamber has approved a Bill, despite the combined opposition of the Left parties, providing for an all-round increase in the present five per cent. import duty to eight per cent.

EARLIER CABLES.
THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN.

THAT "EUREKING ANXIETY."

WASHINGTON, December 18th.
Mr. Hughes, departing from precedent to-day, issued a formal statement noting the appointment of Mr. Matudaria, the new Japanese Ambassador to America and welcoming him, as a step towards further cementing the friendship between Tokyo and Washington.

A MINOR STORM IN CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, December 18th.
Mr. Secretary Hughes' action is regarded as of special interest in view of popular feeling on the Japanese-American relations being not on the best footing.
Officials are of opinion that no trouble-some issues are now pending with Tokyo. President Coolidge and his political advisers feel that the relations of the two Governments are all that could be desired.

A minor storm was stirred up in Congress to-day when Senator Britten proposed a resolution for a conference of the white nations bordering the Pacific, despite a protest from a number of his colleagues, including some Pacific Coast members.

Mr. Johnson, chairman of the Immigration Committee, declared that the proposal was untimely and ill-advised.

Mr. Britten asserted that the Secretary of the Navy and naval experts had made observations which he construed as meaning that Japan was making war preparations against America. He asked if anything was wrong with the United States doing the same.

Mr. French, chairman of the committee responsible for framing the Naval Appropriations Bill, strongly denied that there had been any such suggestion.

Mr. Britten announced that he would introduce a resolution which would force an investigation relative to the conditions of the American Navy.

U.S. NAVAL STRENGTH.

WASHINGTON, December 18th.
The House of Representatives has approved the provisions of the Navy Appropriations Bill which maintains the Navy at \$9,000 enlisted officers and men.

OBITUARY.
MR. JULIUS KAHN.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 18th.
The death has occurred of Mr. Julius Kahn, the chairman of the Military Affairs Committee in the House of Representatives.

THE "ENGLISHMAN" ON WISH WYNE.

The Calcutta "Englishman", in its critique of the opening performance of Wish Wyne and company in that city, says:

"Just for an instant we doubted and were afraid. Not, of course, that Wish Wyne—that incomparable and inimitable artist in her own genre—could fail to 'deliver the goods,' but whether London in the East possessed that appreciation for the restrained effects, for the quiet mastery of those various types, many of which are born within the sound of Bow bells, which that other London (in the West) has enjoyed for years. Calcutta has for so long been accustomed to broad, almost strident, effects that it gasped at the quietness with which Wish Wyne took the stage and began an almost sotto voce recitative of how a man about town received his desert. But the hesitation was only for a moment. Before she had finished her first number Miss Wyne must have become convinced that her second 'awfully great adventure'—her voyage into Eastern seas—was going to be every bit as successful as that first 'Great Adventure' which transplanted her from the music-halls temporarily to play the leading part in the original production at the Kingsway Theatre of what many consider to be Arnold Bennett's masterpiece.

"Whether she was the little London girl with her world-famous 'Er! Oh! Er!' or the pathetically comic school-girl who has split her father's dinner, or Pierrette, or the country girl who thinks her boy somehow different from the others, Wish Wyne was the true artist throughout. Sometimes it was comedy, sometimes farce, and sometimes there was pathos. But there was never any forcing of the note, any exaggeration, any playing down to the gallery or up to the stalls. Always it was a highly finished and supremely natural performance. Wish Wyne captured the heart of Calcutta last night as she has captured the heart of every other city she has visited."

We are to see some fine supporting artistes when the Wish Wyne season commences next Friday at the Theatre Royal, in fact this attraction promises to be the greatest aggregation of talent we have had in Hongkong for years. The plans are at Montreux and early application for seats is recommended.

FAR EASTERN CABLE
NEWS.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]
SHANGHAI PAPER IN LIBEL CASE.

SHANGHAI, December 19th.
The result of the libel case brought against the North-China Daily News by Fu Siao En, a local merchant is that the plaintiff is awarded one cent damages.

THE SHANGHAI MURDER.
SIX SERVANTS ARRESTED.

SHANGHAI, December 18th.
The police, after working all night, arrested one hawk and five servants in connection with the murder of Miss Olesen.

It is understood that the prisoners will be charged at the Mixed Court to-morrow.

REPORTED CONFESSION.
LATER.
The police have arrested six Chinese servants who have confessed to Miss Olesen's murder.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]
JAPANESE PREMIER AND SINGAPORE BASE.

OPINION AS AN INDIVIDUAL JAPANESE.

TOKYO, December 19th.
According to Press reports of the Premier's statement to the Seiyukai last evening, Viscount Kato declared that while as an individual Japanese he did not welcome the construction of the Singapore base he was of opinion that, as the base had been contemplated for twenty years past and was also outside the scope of the Washington Treaty, its construction was inevitable. The British authorities had given an assurance that the base would be purely a national affair and was not intended to influence international relations. Japan, therefore, must watch future developments.

Regarding the American Naval manoeuvres, Viscount Kato said the American Government had fully explained to Tokyo the motives and circumstances of the manoeuvres. Further, with a view to removing misunderstandings existing in certain sections of the Japanese people it was proposed that the American fleet should visit Yokohama after the manoeuvres, which proposal Japan regretfully felt bound to decline.

The Premier reiterated that it was the Government's intention to co-operate with Great Britain and America respecting the solution of China's financial problems which must depend on the reunification of the country.

MANILA TRAGEDY.
NOW KNOWN TO BE DUE TO A LANDSLIDE.

MANILA, December 19th.
The loss of life at Hickcock Island on the 15th inst. is attributed to a landslide and not to the earthquake registered by local seismographs.

FILIPINO INDEPENDENCE.
REPORTED NOTE FROM LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

MANILA, December 19th.
The League of Nations is forwarding instructions to the Philippine Labour Bureau regarding the membership of the latter in the League Labour Division. The reported suggestion of the League officials that the Philippines should become an American mandate under the League is favourably received by Filipino politicians, who state that they will attempt to bring the independence issue before the League.

CHINA MINES CASE.
JUDGMENT FOR SIR C. KAVANAGH.

LONDON, December 18th.
The Lord Chief Justice has given judgment for Sir Charles Kavanagh for £250, balance of salary due him, and a declaration that he is not a shareholder in the plaintiff company, with costs.
Lord Hewart held that the form of application for shares signed by Sir Charles Kavanagh was obtained by Enver by a trick. Sir Charles is therefore not liable to pay the £1,750 now demanded.

His Lordship expressed the opinion that the company committed a breach of agreement in connection with Sir Charles Kavanagh's visit to China, which entitled him to consider the contract repudiated.
[A message of December 12th stated:—The King's Bench is hearing an action by Messrs. Humphrey, Denman and Company, Limited, which is in liquidation, against Sir Charles Kavanagh, claiming £1,750 as unpaid calls on two thousand shares in the company and damages for alleged breach of agreement. The company alleges that Sir Charles Kavanagh accepted £250 as salary and £250 as expenses on a trip to China to report on mines on which the company had an option. It is alleged that he failed in that duty. Sir Charles Kavanagh has now asked that his name be struck off the list of shareholders on the ground that he was misled fraudulently by the statements of Enver, who was agent of the company, and was proceeded against in June last year.

Sir Charles denied any breach of agreement. He gave evidence of his visit to China being a fool's errand.]
(Continued on next column.)

CHINA'S MILITARY INCUBUS.
TWO MILLION UNNECESSARY SOLDIERS.

[FROM OUR PEKING CORRESPONDENT.]

The whirligig of time has seen China transformed from a nation which desired soldiers to a nation dominated by armed men who batten upon the country. The armies which have sprung into being as a feature of the establishment of the Tsuchin system have swollen enormously within recent years and have constituted a national disgrace as well as a national danger. Not one of the armies modelled more or less on western lines and equipped with modern weapons has ever been employed to repel a foreign invader. Instead, these unwieldy forces have been engaged in a succession of struggles between leaders bent on furthering aims which seem to lead to nowhere, occasioning totally unnecessary loss of life amongst themselves while at the same time causing widespread devastation in the course of their campaign by living on the country. Other nations enjoy a sense of security from the existence of national armies. Not so China, where the inhabitants of cities, towns and villages will offer almost any sum of money to divert troops from their vicinity. Not all of China's soldiers are equally rapacious, but even the best are nowhere sure of a warm welcome. The remedy, of course, is plain disarmament. Practically every one is prepared to advocate disarmament of troops, even the Tsuchins themselves, but no one seems ready to be the first to reduce the number of men under his command.

It is conceded by Chinese of all classes that the cost of maintaining all the men under arms, estimated now to number close upon two millions, is out of all proportion to the national revenue. Five years ago 60 per cent. of the national revenue was absorbed by the military. That proportion is considerably higher to-day. Chinese of all classes will further concede that the existing army is so unwieldy and so decentralised that it is impossible to equip it properly, even according to Chinese standards, or to train it to efficiency. The question of disarmament has therefore been a vital one for years, and has inspired many elaborate schemes, most of which appear to be sound and practical, but they never reach the stage of trial or experiment, for the simple reason that the military Governors while publicly proclaiming their acceptance of the principle of disarmament make no attempt to carry it into practice. Apparently the various faction leaders in this country cannot overcome their distrust of one another, though hopes have been running high that Marshal Tuan Chijui's assumption of the high office of Provisional Chief Executive, to which he was so unanimously invited, would secure the first condition for disarmament of superfluous troops, namely, peace. Fighting on a large scale has apparently ceased, but alas, it must be recorded that the number of troops is steadily increasing. Divisions belonging to defeated armies have been re-formed under new leaders, while the recruiting of fresh soldiers is proceeding daily. Every day the problem becomes increasingly difficult. Truly, the outlook is gloomy, but there is one ray of hope which comes from the fervent and abiding faith of the Chinese themselves that they will eventually emerge from this period of trial and strife and again become a united nation.

Since the foregoing was written the Chief Executive has issued a Mandate forbidding recruiting, and the measure of respect accorded this Government order will indicate the degree of success which Tuan Chijui's administration may hope to achieve. If the prohibition be effective it will have at least the merit of preventing further aggravation of the evil. The Mandate is conciliatory in tone, yet firm. It reads: "Though the situation in the country has now become more or less settled, we still frequently hear of the recruiting of new troops which should be instantly put under ban. The arrears of pay due to the existing troops already amount to enormous sums, and if fresh troops are enlisted, how can the Government pay them? The recruiting of troops in time of war may be excused owing to unavoidable circumstances. But now, fighting having ceased and the people having been promised peace and tranquility, the troops in the country should be reduced to the strength of normal times, so that the Government will not be financially embarrassed for their maintenance, while the burden on the people will be lightened. All those concerned should take note of the present Mandate and the Ministry of War is hereby ordered to see it duly enforced."

FRENCH ECONOMISTS TO VISIT JAPAN.

PARIS, December 19th.
According to Le Matin, a French economical delegation is due to visit Japan, and will start for Tokyo in February or March. (Havas.)

JAPAN AND U.S.
UNFOUNDED REPORTS.

TOKYO, December 19th.
This morning's press reports of the Premier's statement relative to an offer from America that a fleet should visit Japan after the manoeuvres, also that Japan's refusal of the offer had been declared, are without foundation.

1,500,000 DESTITUTE IN CHIHILI.

"A PLAIN, UNVARNISHED TALE."

Mr. Frank B. Turner, Chairman of the Distribution Board of the China International Famine Relief Commission, writes:—

"I send you herewith copy of a letter received this morning from Sin Ho Hsien: it is such as we are constantly receiving from all parts of the province, in which there are 1,500,000 people utterly destitute.

"I have not in any way amended its quaint English; its graphic story of the sad conditions obtaining quite corresponds with the reports of our investigators to whom he refers. We are sure that we have your sympathy in our efforts to meet this great distress, and that this 'plain unvarnished tale' will interest the many among your readers who have sent us help.

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has released Mr. Lee Fong who is proceeding to Southern Port and the Straits Settlements to plead for Famine Relief on behalf of this Commission."

The letter enclosed reads as follows: "Mr. President, International Famine Relief Association, Tientsin, China.
"We are very grateful to your Association because recently one of your officers came to our district and investigated our famine conditions. It shows that you and your officers are all very benevolent and charitable.
"Our district is very small, with not more than two hundred villages. This summer the flood broke our dike and overflowed more than one hundred and fifty villages. The peasants' houses were all devastated and practically nothing has left in their fields. Their poor condition is more tragic than any words can describe. This, I think, your officer has reported, and it is not necessary for me to repeat it any more.

"I, being the mayor of the district, is undoubtedly responsible for the management of the famine relief. But my faculty is limited and therefore there are three things which I earnestly want to do for the people but cannot do without your help.
"First, it is the famine relief of this winter. Investigation has shown us that many of the famine people are eating the leaves and barks of the trees and still many others are dying of starvation. When winter comes, after all the plants have become withered, even leaves of trees cannot be secured, and the condition of the people then will be ten times worse than it is now. Therefore, on behalf of the people, I earnestly ask the help of your organization to relieve and help the people.

"Secondly, it is the famine relief of the next spring. On account of the flood, we harvest this autumn is extraordinarily poor. The farmers practically got nothing from their fields. Though some of the peasants have planted wheat after the flood was over, the crop cannot be gathered until next summer. So, without the help of your association, the people will have nothing to live upon during the spring.

"Thirdly, it is the dike repairing—dike is the protector of people's lives. Without a strong dike, people's lives are always exposed to danger. The Liu Kuo Dike of our district is about twenty-four miles long. Now, after many years without repair, it has been broken at many parts. The flood of this summer broke a part of about five hundred yards. All these, both the old and the new broken portions, urgently need repair. According to the original size of the dike, height ten yards, base width twenty-five yards, and top width fourteen yards, it needs an amount of \$25,180 to repair the whole dike. I have planned to hire the famine people to repair the dike, so that we can both relieve them from starvation and carry out the long needed dike repair at the same time, with the same amount of money. But in our district, which is already too poor, the money cannot be collected, and you will know that our Government will not give us any financial help either. I have asked your inspector to convey my difficulty to you. If you and the officers of your association would be kind enough to help us to accomplish our work, the people of the whole district would be much obliged to you."

SAVINGS OF A WEEK.

Every motor-car should carry with it a proper sense of responsibility for its good behaviour.—Sir Herbert Austin.

A minor ambition of mine is to pass a whole day without thinking an unkind thought about anybody.—Mr. Arnold Bennett.

In many cases the medicine bottle does far more harm than good by suggesting symptoms three or four times a day rather than suggesting their relief.—Professor F. E. Wyne.

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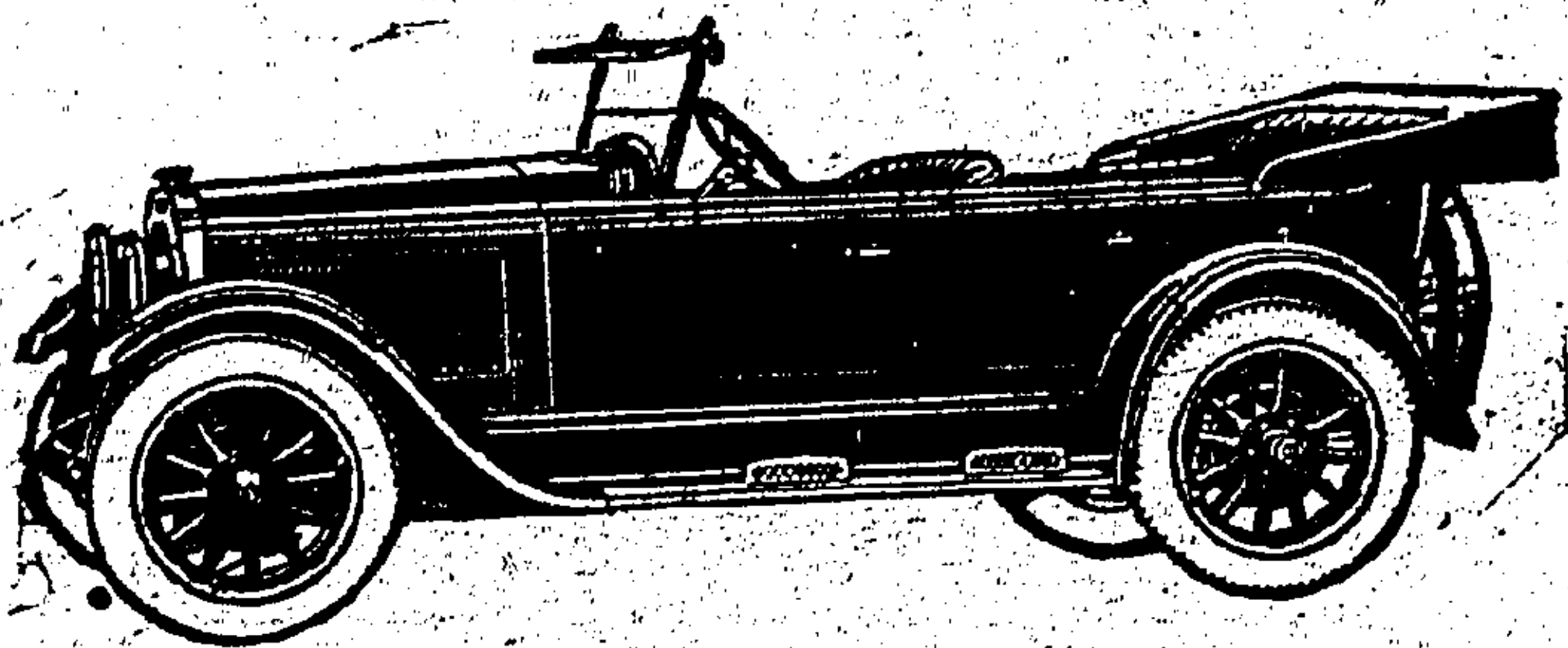
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That the Presidency of Woodrow Wilson should spread the fame of wigs seems an irrational sequence of cause and effect. But there is no doubt of the fact. To President Wilson the world owes the scheme of the League of Nations, the International Court of Justice, now established at The Hague, and the English barristers pleading before that Court have just been instructed by the Bar Council that they must wear their wigs. Thus, it is thought, they will impress the litigating nations with the dignity of the English Bar. We can well believe it, for in these degenerate days to man outside the British Empire every dream of wearing a wig—except to atone for the omissions of Nature. The wig which is not imitative, but an official vestment, the poor alien knows not. We do not doubt that our barristers at The Hague will convince him that it adds much to the authority of the advocate. It is only fair that the English lawyer, who has to cope with rivals in scarlet robes and saintly headgear, should show them that he also has his ancient pomp. Not that the wig is of immemorial antiquity. There is no inevitable association between law and wigs. The lawyers only took to the wig when everybody else wore it, but, being professionally prone to be governed by precedent, could not take it off when the rest of the world did. The old joke has it that "the Bar went into mourning at the death of Queen Anne and never came out again." Somewhere about that time the black gown and the wig became the fashion, and since then the Bar has used no other. In the year 1703 Queen Anne gave the great seal to Lord Cowper. "He looked very young," and wearing his own hair made him appear yet more so; which the Queen observing, obliged him to cut it off, telling him the world would say she had given the Seals to a boy. When he appeared in a wig, people did not know him. He was the last Lord Chancellor who never wore a wig at the Bar. In those days the only wear for people of importance was the periwig. Queen Anne was furious when one of her Ministers appeared before her in a small-tie wig. "Next time," I suppose, his lordship will come in his night-cap." So the Judges and Queen's Counsel put on full-bottomed wigs, while the stuff gownsmen were content with a "moderate tie." When George III. came to the throne in 1760 men began to wear their own hair again. By the end of the century only the clergymen, the doctors, and the lawyers still kept their wigs on. The doctors soon gave it up. The bishops stood out longer. Archbishop Howley, who died in 1818, always wore a wig. Archbishop Sumner was seen in a wig at the wedding of the late Empress Frederick in 1858. That seems to have been the last official appearance of a wig on an episcopal head. But who can foresee the day when legal heads will go bare? It has been said that lawyers are always Tories. This is clearly confirmed by their devotion to wigs.—*Daily Telegraph*.

RUSSIAN MARRIAGE LAWS. EASY DIVORCE.

The Russian laws on marriage, divorce and children are thus summarised by the International Woman Suffrage Alliance News Service (London):—
"Only civil marriage by registration is recognised, and both parties have to produce certificates of health. Divorce is simple and cheap; the only cause is the desire of either party to end the marriage, and the procedure is that a notice of dissolution has to be posted at the court for a certain period, after which there is a formal hearing of the case, and the decree is at once granted. There is, however, a court of appeal. The children of divorced parents have to be supported by either parent, according to their means.
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With regard to illegitimacy, no difference is recognised between children born in or out of wedlock. Their law simply states: "A child is a fact and the basis of the family."

THE MARRIAGE SERVICE.

The House of Clergy at Westminster on November 27th, discussing the marriage service, rejected by 100 votes to 69 a proposal to substitute for the bride, "Thou wilt love and comfort him" instead of "Thou wilt obey and serve him," but agreed by 86 votes to 78 to substitute "Love, cherish and serve" for "Love, cherish and obey."

WOMEN MAGISTRATES FOR GLASGOW.

Glasgow Town Council, for the first time in the City's municipal history, selected on November 8th two women members, one Labour and one Moderate, as Bailies, both now being eligible as police court judges.

SAYINGS OF A WEEK.

I hate Bolshevism.—*Mr. J. H. Thomas.*
It is easy to settle the world on a soap-box.—*Mr. Lloyd George.*
Socialism, though it lives as an ideal, is dying as a programme.—*Dean Inge.*
A week of beefsteak would change me into the mildest of men.—*Mr. Bernard Shaw.*
I do not believe in the Russian Government. I never have.—*Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.*



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After all, the digestive system isn't cast iron. Really, it is of a delicate, complex character, all too liable to become a little deranged, perhaps through some apparently trifling cause. Many a man or woman will feel well to-day, then, to-morrow, up goes the temperature a few degrees, and that same man or woman is soon conscious of lost appetite and decreased vigour.

Sometimes we can't even be sure of the cause, but we are quite sure that we feel "a little off the mark." Now that kind of thing isn't very important unless it continues, but if it does continue, good-bye to health and happiness.

In place of radiant health, and the feeling that it is good to be alive, what do we get? Why! Just the opposite! A miserable existence and the horrible feeling that perhaps life isn't worth living after all. Our food—well! We don't relish it, and it gives us pain, when we eat it. Then we have indigestion, perhaps, or biliousness, or constipation, with constant headaches, until we feel "played out." And all because our digestive system has lost tone and strength.

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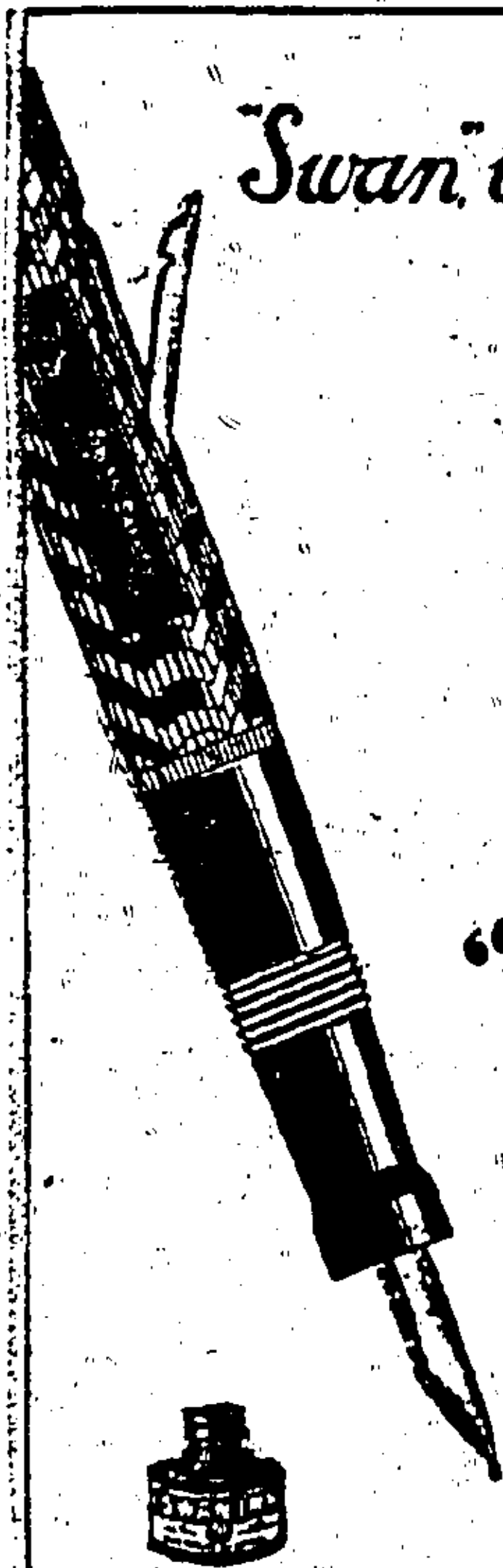
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MEN WHO RISKED THEIR NOSES FOR A PIPE OF TOBACCO.

A short time ago (writes a correspondent) I had the opportunity of a conversation with a criminal awaiting execution.

Far from being the depressing experience that one would naturally expect, our meeting was as cheerful as though we were talking across the table of our favourite cafe, and the setting, though perhaps a little strange, was no less pleasantly comfortable.

The scene was the little-known town of Lohia in Arabia. My condemned friend and I sat cross-legged on cushions taking our coffee in the shade of the veranda of the local magistrate's white-washed mud house. I smoking a briar and annoying the swarming flies by lashing them with a fly-whisk, he sucking unconcernedly at the tube of a hookah, whilst the wretched insects crawled unchecked over his face and bare legs.

THE PENALTY OF LOOTING.
In the shade the heat was almost unbearable. In the open the burning sun beat down upon the sandy market-place with its chattering crowds buying and selling grain, skins, coffee, fat-tailed sheep, miserable fowls, dates, tomatoes, sugar-cane, and camel butter. In front of the veranda, sinister reminder of my friend's fate, stood a big yod-shaped wooden block on which tomorrow he would place his neck and await the blow of the executioner's scimitar, whilst behind us stood an Arab guard, a curved dagger thrust through his sash, a bandolier of soft-nosed bullets slung around his body, and an ancient French rifle in his hand.

The condemned man had been found guilty of looting, in an intertribal fight. Now looting is as natural to an Arab as breathing, but unfortunately in this case the local sheikh had reserved all looting rights, so to speak, and my friend's infringement was to cost him his life. Though the penalty was outrageously barbarous, the method of carrying it out was humane and scrutable. The Arabs argue that, since the man is doomed to death, it is only reasonable to allow him every possible freedom until he is dispatched. So the looter sat on the veranda with pipe, coffee, and snuff-box, free and unfettered, surrounded by his friends, and apparently indifferent to his impending fate.

He glanced at the execution block and grinned, and, turning to me, said: "Tomorrow," and cut the air with a sweep of his hand, making a hissing noise through his teeth like the swish of a descending blade.

"You're not afraid?" I asked.
THE SOLACE OF TOBACCO.
"Afraid? Why should I be?" he asked, simply. "What more can a man want on earth than coffee and tobacco? All men must die once. What matters it when? I die an easy death. I have made the pilgrimage and, praise to Allah, I go to a land of sun and flowers, where I shall smoke and drink my coffee in the shade of palms on a river bank—a land of beautiful women and everlasting pleasure."

Next day he faced his end cheerfully, fortified in his unshakable belief. Lying awake in the evening on my mattress on the flat house-top, I recalled his words: "What more can a man want on earth but coffee and tobacco?" I recalled other men, thousands of men throughout the ages, to whom tobacco meant happiness, the alleviation of pain, the stimulation of thought, the calming of tormented thoughts—contentment.

First and in lighter mood I thought of Sir Ralph Lane, appointed first Governor of Virginia by Queen Elizabeth in 1580, who, observing the fondness of the Indians for tobacco, was tempted to try it himself. I imagined the pangs he must have suffered during his novitiate, the giddiness and the sickness that must have accompanied the first few smokes of the rank and bitter weed of those times.

Lane suffered them gladly and found intimate happiness. He became an ardent devotee of the pipe, and on his return to England gained an enthusiastic disciple in Sir Walter Raleigh, who is generally, though erroneously, credited with the introduction of tobacco to England.

SMOKERS TORTURED.
Then came to me an almost exact parallel to this Arabian episode. It concerned the Earl of Essex, whose last act before facing the executioner's axe was to smoke a pipe of tobacco. Thus supported, he faced death cheerfully and unflinchingly.

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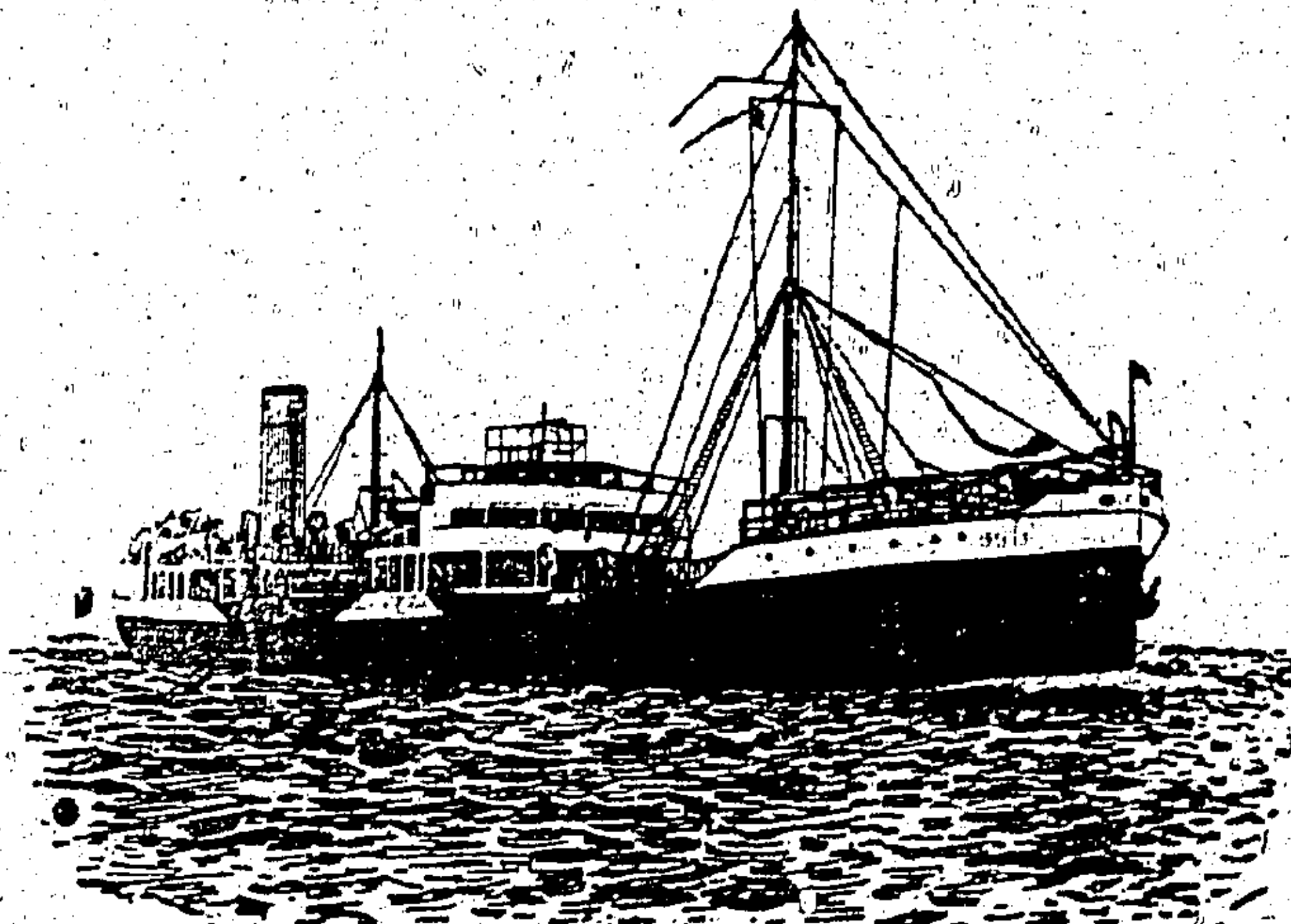
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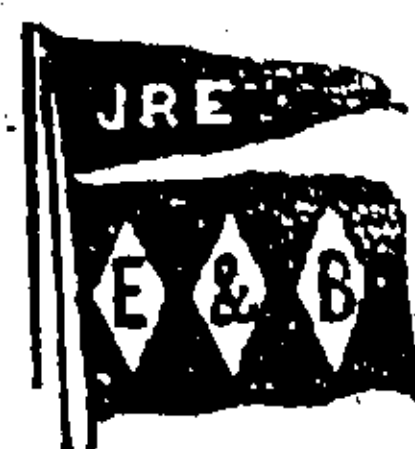
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"SARDINIA"	6,834	18th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KASHMIR"	8,963	21st Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	7th Mar.	Marseilles & London
"SOUDAN"	6,896	18th Mar.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KASHGAR"	8,905	21st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SICILIA"	6,813	31st Mar.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KALYAN"	10,922	4th Apr.	Marseilles & London
"KARMAIA"	9,098	18th Apr.	Mare, L'don. & Antwerp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	2nd May	Marseilles & London
"SARDINIA"	6,834	16th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.

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"TAKLIWA"	8,500	21st Dec., 1 p.m.	Singapore only.
"TAKLIWA"	8,500	5th Jan., 1925	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TAKLIWA"	8,500	11th Jan., "	do.
"TAKADA"	8,943	20th Jan., "	do.

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"ARAFURA"	6,000	30th Dec.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th Feb., 1925	Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
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"SICILIA"	6,813	27th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KALYAN"	9,118	28th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
1925			
"TAKLIWA"	8,500	1st Jan.	Amoy
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"MOREA"	10,911	12th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"KASHMIR"	8,963	24th Jan.	do.
"SARDINIA"	6,834	24th Jan.	do.
"MALWA"	10,941	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"TANDA"	6,958	7th Feb.	Moji & Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,905	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"SOUDAN"	6,896	21st Feb.	do.
"SICILIA"	6,813	7th Mar.	do.
"KALYAN"	9,118	7th Mar.	Moji & Kobe.
"KARMAIA"	9,098	21st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	3rd Apr.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	8th Apr.	Moji & Kobe.
"SARDINIA"	6,834	17th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
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"MOREA"	10,911	1st May	do.
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SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LIANGCHOW"	On 24th Dec.	2 p.m.
WHEIHWAI, CHEFOO & TIENSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 20th Dec.	2 p.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KIANGSU"	On 21st Dec.	D.L.
SHANGHAI	"SHANSI"	On 21st Dec.	11 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KAYING"	On 22nd Dec.	11 a.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SUNTING"	On 22nd Dec.	9 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"YINGCHOW"	On 24th Dec.	Noon
SHANGHAI	"SZECHUEN"	On 25th Dec.	11 a.m.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"TAMING"	On 25th Dec.	11 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LUOHOW"	On 27th Dec.	Noon
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SOOCHOW"	On 28th Dec.	11 a.m.
HOIHOW & SINGAPORE	"CHINHUA"	On 28th Dec.	11 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW"	On 29th Dec.	11 a.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SUIYANG"	On 30th Dec.	D.L.

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From	To	Date
JAVA	Tjiamock	20th Dec.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN AND SHANGHAI	Pres. Grant	20th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Sunxing	20th Dec.
Europe via Negapatam (Letters and papers, London 20th Nov.)	Troilus	21st Dec.
SHANGHAI	Szechuan	21st Dec.
SHANGHAI	Yingchow	21st Dec.
SHANGHAI	Angers	21st Dec.
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN AND SHANGHAI	Pres. Monroe	22nd Dec.
AUSTRALIA	Yoshida Maru No.3	22nd Dec.
SAIGON	Andre Lebon	22nd Dec.
STRAITS	Tikada	22nd Dec.
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. Tuff	24th Dec.
CANADA, U.S.A. JAPAN AND SHANGHAI	Ship of Canada	24th Dec.
STRAITS	Van Cluon	24th Dec.
STRAITS	Haruna Maru	29th Dec.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America & EUROPE via San Francisco due San Francisco, 13th Jan., 1925.	Pres. Pierce	Saturday, 20th
Amoy	Yuenyang	Registration Letters
Shanghai	Liangchow	Parcels, Noon
Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Is and - via Thursday Island about 30th Dec., 1924	Taiyuan	Registration Letters, 1.45 P.M.
Wei Hai Wei	Kuichow	12.30 P.M.
Manila	Pres. Grant	3.30 P.M.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles due Marseilles 21st Jan., 1925. Ship sails on Sunday, 21st Dec. at 4 p.m.	Angers	Registration Letters, 4.15 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan and EUROPE via Siberia (Correspondence specially superimposed "Via Siberia" only)	Fook On	4.30 P.M.
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa	Yanot	5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou	Kwaiyang	5.00 P.M.
Swatow	Leung	5.00 P.M.
Amoy	Kangsu	5.00 P.M.
Haiphong	New Mathilde	5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou	Amakusa Maru	Sunday, 21st, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Shandi	9.00 A.M.
Straits	Takliwa	9.00 A.M.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kaying	Monday, 22nd, 9.30 A.M.
Manila, Straits, Ceylon and Parcels for Germany via Hamburg	Adolf von Baeyer	12.30 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan and EUROPE via Siberia (Correspondence specially superimposed "Via Siberia" only)	Andre Lebon	1.30 P.M.
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa	Pres. Monroe	3.30 P.M.
Swatow	Hudringa	3.30 P.M.
Swatow	Fausang	5.00 P.M.
Amoy	Sunxing	5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou	Hoi Ning	Tuesday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa	Soudan	Wednesday, 24th, 10.30 A.M.
Shanghai and Japan	Briland	1.30 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, L. Marques, E. and S. Africa, Egypt, & EUROPE via Marseilles due Marseilles 24th January, 1925.	Khiva	Parcels, Fri. 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Sandakan	Nquang	Saturday, 27th, Registration Letters, 9.45 A.M.
Swatow and Amoy Fuzhou	Hai Hong	10.30 A.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, L. Marques, E. and S. Africa, Egypt, & EUROPE via Marseilles due Marseilles 29th Jan., 1925.	Tevrasia	Sunday, 28th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai and Japan	Haruna Maru	Monday, 29th, Registration Letters, 1.45 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou	Haiching	2.30 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, L. Marques, E. and S. Africa, Egypt, & Europe via Marseilles due Marseilles 31st Jan., 1925	Hakosaki Maru	Tuesday, 30th, 10.30 A.M.
		Noon
		Wednesday, 31st, Registration Letters, 8.45 A.M.
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On CALCUTTA—	
Telegraphic Transfer	156
Bank Bills, on demand	156
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